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## Weekly Weather Crop Report

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There were 2.3 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Soil moisture was rated 53 percent adequate and 47 percent surplus. Pasture was rated 85 percent of normal. The main farm activities were: Land preparation for spring crops and equipment maintenance.

Crop Progress In Percentages					Crop Conditions in Percentages				
Crop	Event	1994	1993	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Planted	40	16	29			77	22	1
	Emerged	16	5	16					
Rice	Planted	6	1	3					
	Emerged	3	*	*					
Sorghum	Planted	14	2	6					
	Emerged	10	*	*					
Wheat	Jointing	84	60	77			35	60	5
	Heading	7	3	14					
Watermelons	Planted	22	7	26		3	2	95	
Livestock							8	80	12

\* = NOT ASKED.

### County Agent Comments

"Rain early in the week prevented any fieldwork. The cold weather has lowered the soil temperature."  
— Steve Winters, Grenada County

"Excessive rain caused flooding of low lands and halted all row crop field work this past week."  
— John A. Wilson, Itawamba County

"Over 3 inches of rain this week ended all hopes of getting much field work done before April 1st."  
— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha County

"Farmers had a good week last week with good weather. Pastures are looking better, but a lot of them need a good weed control program. Cattle are looking good and are beginning to put on weight."  
— Alfred R. Reynolds, Franklin County

"Seedcorn maggots are a problem for vegetable producers who are not using soil insecticides."  
— Chuck Grantham, Copiah County

"A temperature of 33 degrees Tuesday night gave watermelon producers with emerged plants a reality scare. About 70 to 75 percent of the corn was planted last week."  
— Roger D. Jones, Perry County

"Rain has once again brought farming operations to a standstill. Land preparation and corn planting will resume as soon as weather permits."  
— Victor Lee, Newton County

"Three inches plus of rain kept us out of the field most of the week."  
— Mark Gillie, Greene County

"Excellent weather for farm work. A little cool, but the temperature has not been a factor. If the weather continues as it has been, then the summer pastures will begin to come out of dormancy. Cattle look good and made the winter in good shape. Ryegrass is looking good."  
— Curlee Green, Jackson County

# Weather Summary From 03/27/94 to 04/02/94 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Ave	
1. Upper Delta													
Tunica	73	31	60	57	-6.9	1.16	-.12	2	6.09	73	49	59	M
Clarksdale	70	34	51	57	-5.8	1.93	.81	1	2.69	66	42	56	M
Cleveland	74	32	55	59	-4.0	.00	-1.38	0	2.03				
Extreme/Average	74	31	52	58	-5.6	1.03	-.23	1	3.57	73	42	57	
2. North-Central													
Memphis AP	74	34	53	58	-4.9	1.80	.54	2	5.89				
Holly Springs ES	75	27	48	54	-6.1	1.89	.63	2	7.95	66	42	54	M
Oxford ES	M	22	M	56	M	M	M	M	M				
Extreme/Average	75	27	51	56	-5.5	1.85	.58	2	6.92	66	42	54	
3. Northeast													
Corinth	77	29	50	56	-6.6	1.48	.20	3	7.82				
Iuka	73	25	46	56	-9.4	1.87	.51	3	8.91				
Booneville	67	27	48	56	-8.2	1.92	.56	2	5.05				
Pontotoc ES	77	30	49	56	-7.3	1.48	.10	3	6.32	69	42	54	M
Tupelo AP	75	32	52	58	-5.9	2.97	1.67	2	7.68				
Verona ES	75	31	51	58	-6.8	1.91	.61	2	9.39	68	42	52	M
Extreme/Average	77	25	49	57	-7.3	1.94	.61	3	7.53	69	42	53	
4. Lower Delta													
Stoneville ES	78	40	56	59	-2.5	1.38	.19	1	M	67	44	55	.19
Greenwood AP	76	32	55	60	-4.9	1.44	.17	1	4.91				
Belzoni	76	34	56	60	-3.9	1.30	-.06	1	4.73	79	46	61	
Rolling Fork	75	33	55	59	-4.5	1.11	-.16	1	5.01	73	51	61	M
Yazoo City	77	32	54	61	-7.1	1.93	.58	1	5.79				
Extreme/Average	78	32	55	60	-4.6	1.43	.14	1	6.11	79	44	59	
5. Central													
Winona	74	27	49	56	-6.6	1.50	.13	1	4.88				
Carthage	77	30	54	59	-5.3	3.44	2.11	1	5.73				
Jackson AP	78	31	54	61	-6.9	1.13	-.20	1	3.41				
Extreme/Average	78	27	52	59	-6.3	2.02	.68	1	4.67				
6. East-Central													
State University	77	32	54	59	-4.6	2.00	.60	1	5.80	66	45	56	M
Columbus AFB	79	34	57	58	-1.2	2.61	1.14	2	6.66				
Brooksville ES	75	35	52	58	-6.6	2.80	1.40	1	5.60				
Extreme/Average	79	32	54	58	-4.1	2.47	1.05	1	6.02	66	45	56	
7. Southwest													
Vicksburg	76	37	54	62	-7.8	1.93	.61	2	4.37				
Oakley ES	77	30	53	60	-6.7	1.73	.40	2	3.79	74	47	59	
Crystal Springs	78	35	55	60	-4.6	.77	-.62	1	2.40	70	45	67	
Alcorn ES				60		M	M	M	M				
Natchez	M	M	M	63	M	M	M	M	M				
Extreme/Average	78	30	54	61	-6.4	1.48	.13	2	3.52	74	45	58	
8. South-Central													
McComb AP	82	30	56	62	-6.1	.90	-.43	1	2.38				
Columbia	83	34	56	62	-5.6	1.47	.15	2	3.42				
Extreme/Average	83	30	56	62	-5.9	1.18	-.14	2	2.90				
9. Southeast													
Newton ES	83	30	52	59	-6.4	.99	-.41	1	3.83	68	45	56	
Meridian AP	85	31	57	60	-3.4	1.39	-.06	3	4.84				
Laurel	83	34	54	61	-6.4	1.21	-.04	1	3.08				
Hattiesburg	83	34	56	62	-5.7	.78	-.49	1	3.47				
Beaumont ES	83	29	55	62	-7.2	.79	-.53	2	3.31	74	49	63	
Extreme/Average	85	29	55	61	-5.8	1.03	-.31	2	3.71	74	45	60	M
10. Coastal													
Poplarville ES	82	34	56	62	-6.1	.36	-.90	2	2.44	80	54	65	M
Bay St. Louis	82	34	58	63	-4.9	.47	-.77	2	2.85				
Gulfport	M	M	M	64	M	M	M	M	M				
Biloxi	79	41	59	64	-5.1	.17	-.88	2	1.63				
Pascagoula	79	35	55	63	-7.9	.28	-.83	2	3.05				
Extreme/Average	82	34	57	63	-6.0	.32	-.84	2	2.49	80	54	65	M
State Averages			53	60	-6.0	1.45	.15		4.77			58	.19
State Extremes					Location					Date			
Greatest one day precipitation					Carthage					03/28/94			
Greatest weekly precipitation					Carthage								
Maximum air temperature					Meridian AP					3/27/94			
Minimum air temperature					Oxford ES					03/30/94			
Maximum soil temperature					Poplarville ES					4/1/94			
Minimum soil temperature					Clarksdale					04/01/94			
Greatest one day pan evaporation					Stoneville ES					4/2/94			
Greatest weekly pan evaporation					Stoneville ES								

## Abbreviations:

Max = Maximum  
 Min = Minimum  
 Ave = Average  
 Norm = Normal  
 DFN = Departure From Normal  
 Evap = Evaporation  
 M = Missing

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